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First Sunday, Deer Island, 11 a. m.; St. Helens, 7:30 p. m.  
Second Sunday, Neer City, 11 a. m.; St. Helens, 7:30 p. m.  
Friday, before the third Sunday, Clatskanie, 7:30 p. m.  
Third Sunday, Giffon, 11 a. m.; Houlton, 2 p. m.  
Fourth Sunday, Vernonia, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Wilson's, 3 p. m.  
Camp Meeting, Vernonia, August 29, to 30, 1891.  
M. BURLINGAME, Pastor.

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## WASHINGTON NEWS.

Seattle has eighteen banks.  
Mayor Taylor, of Centralia, has resigned.

Tacoma has a company of girl soldiers who are being drilled.  
Work on the new city hall at Port Townsend is progressing rapidly.

Trains are now running through to Kendrick on the Moscow branch of the Northern Pacific.

A stamp mill has been set up in Peshastin, and will soon be at work on the product of the mines.

The Western Central Labor Union made a profit of over \$250 on their Labor day celebration at Seattle.

The Newcastle mine frequently turns out 1000 tons of coal daily. The Franklin mine is shipping 350 to 400 tons a day.

The park commission of Seattle has between \$10,000 and \$12,000 on hand with which to improve and beautify their park.

There is an average of 200 to 300 head of stock of different kinds shipped from the Ellensburg railroad corrals every week.

Two vessels have arrived at Whatcom for lumber cargoes for Chili. Three others are due, and the mill has orders for two millions for Australia.

Now that Tekoa's water works are an assured thing, the people have turned their attention toward electric lights and a telephone system.

A post of the G. A. R. has been organized at Friday Harbor and has been named after General John F. Reynolds, the hero of the battle of Gettysburg.

President Hill of the Great Northern road, told the Fairhaven people that the Skagit passes through the Cascade mountains were too high for a railroad to cross.

The Congregationalists of South Bend have begun the erection of a church. This is the sixth church building in South Bend, and the fifth erected during the year.

Two of the officials of the electric-motor road, have arrived in Anacortes, and report that a party of electricians will arrive and the completion of the road will be rapidly pushed.

In excavating for the Baptist church at Dayton, workmen found a skeleton, supposed to be that of a squaw. This is the third skeleton that has been uncovered in Dayton excavations.

The new schoolhouse at Ellensburg has been finished at a cost of \$50,000, and the citizens proudly claim the finest school building in the state. A town clock is being placed in the tower.

The recruiting station at Seattle has not been the success expected by the government. The station has been established seven weeks, and in that time nine men have been received and sent to Vancouver barracks.

The county commissioners of Lewis county have instructed the auditor to advertise for bids for the purchase of the bonds of the county to the amount of \$100,000 with which to redeem the outstanding county warrants.

J. H. Wagner, of Montesano, had an exciting time with a mountain lion. It came into the yard and killed a calf. Mr. Wagner and his dog were in pursuit of the brute, when the dog got too close, and he also was killed. The intruder then escaped to the woods.

South Bend wants to be made a port of entry. There is reason to believe that advantage is being taken of the absence of any customs officer on Sholwater bay, and opium and Chinamen smugglers are operating quite extensively.

Failure to agree on prices is likely to delay and possibly result in the Aberdeen canneries not opening this season. The fishermen ask fifteen and thirty cents and the cannerymen are unwilling to pay more than ten and twenty-five.

Fire at Ritzville destroyed the furniture store of H. Kretzer, drug store and residence of Severance & King, and the grocery store of Charles Wells, a part of which was occupied by L. Uhlman with clothing. Loss, \$20,000; insurance, \$7,000.

Miss Susan L. Nevin, the girl who bears the distinction of being the only woman that ever climbed Mount Baker, is described as a vivacious young lady just out of her teens—a blue-eyed blonde with a wealth of rich brown hair, of graceful form, erect carriage, 5 1/2 feet tall and weighing 118 pounds.

The Pacific Navigation Company, which was subsidized by the steamboat pool last April to take off its steamers between Bellingham bay and Tacoma, will, about October 10th, be released by the expiration of the contract, and the State of Washington will then resume her run on this route. She will run on the inside, dividing the business with the Wasco, the only boat now running through Deception pass.

## OREGON NEWS.

Cars on the Oregonian railway have commenced running to Springfield.

The Fox valley mines in Grant county are attracting the attention of capitalists.

The long-standing swamp land suit in Lake county has been decided in favor of the state.

The Oregon grand lodge Knights Pythias will meet in Portland on Tuesday, October 13th.

T. J. Cozard, living on a ranch six miles east of Burns, had a horse and a mule killed by lightning a few days ago.

Portland and Astoria marketmen are now on Shoalwater bay contracting for their oyster supply for the winter.

As J. Wiley, of Camas valley, was on his way home from Roseburg his team ran off a steep grade. The horses were crippled, the wagon demolished, and Mr. Wiley badly hurt.

The plat of township 1 north, range 6 east, has been received at the Oregon City land office, and will be filed and opened for settlement under the homestead law on and after October 19, 1891.

J. D. Wilcox, of Portland, and Mr. Jeffery, from Canada, have purchased the Todd quicksilver mine, near Oakland, and are operating the same with very satisfactory results both as to ore and metal.

Bert Jennings, a son of Hon. A. C. Jennings, aged eighteen years, met with a severe accident at the farm of his parents, near Irving. He was riding a horse, when it stumbled and fell on him, breaking both of his arms.

Work has begun on the bridge across the Willamette at Albany. The cantilever idea has been abandoned, and the old plan of circular piers will be carried out. It is expected the bridge will be finished by December 1st.

Fish lake, up in the Cascade mountains, has been visited this year by more campers than ever before. Farlow and Wright, of Upper Butte creek, have made a good dugout canoe and are spear-fishing the lake trout at night.

The Toledo coal mine tunnel is ninety-four feet into the mountain, and has just passed through a strata of large clam shells. The men are now working through some black slate, and the indications are that they will soon strike the coal bed.

While riding from Wamic to his stock ranch, T. J. Corum was thrown from his horse, and two men fell on him while in an unconscious condition and robbed him of \$411 in coin, a thirty-five dollar silver watch and a knife, and fled to parts unknown. His shoulder and hip are badly broken.

Barbed wire on the farm is a fruitful source of accidents. At Jesse Porter's farm in Benton county some horses became frightened while grazing in the pasture, and in their wild rush ran against the fence. One of them was killed, almost instantly and two others were badly crippled.

An Indian woman, commonly known as Sally, during the fire at The Dalles, in watching the progress of the flames, fell over a bluff in the southern part of the city and broke her neck. She died immediately, and her companions conveyed the corpse to Collio, and laid it to rest in the Indian graveyard.

The government Indian training school at Chemawa has opened for the school year, under auspices unusually favorable. The school has better equipment this year than last, new buildings having been erected during the summer and being now nearly completed and ready for occupancy. The enrollment of scholars has already reached 198 and more are expected within the next few weeks.

Residents in the timbered districts of Clatsop and Tillamook counties say that large gray wolves are becoming more numerous, and that they are rapidly destroying the elk, as they kill the young calves in the spring, and even the old ones when they catch them alone. A bounty on wolf scalps would in their opinion, do more to protect the elk than the rigid enforcement of the game law.

J. P. Faull and By Geer have returned to Baker City from a two weeks' tour through Baker, Malheur and Grant counties. They report having traveled over an immense area of country, a large proportion which is worthless without irrigation, and the arable lands have only yielded about ten per cent. this year of the usual yield, on account of lack of seasonable rains. The gentlemen are more than enthusiastic in the cause of irrigation since viewing the immense area of lands which are now worthless, but with irrigation would add millions to the wealth of the Inland Empire.

## GENERAL NEWS.

Mme Patti has postponed her visit to this country till December.

New York City had a million-dollar fire on September 15th.

The legislature of Tennessee has passed a bill prohibiting prize fighting in that state.

Cardinal Manning is strongly opposed to lotteries and raffles for church or charitable purposes.

A train on the New York Central road ran 436 miles in 440 minutes—a mile a minute for seven hours.

John Dononis, prince consort to the queen of the Sandwich Islands, is dead. He was an American by birth.

The wife of a clergyman in Nebraska has been arrested for purchasing lottery tickets through the mail.

W. H. Eckroll, a Norwegian, has invented a interchangeable sledboat and will soon start for the north pole.

The surveyor of customs at Omaha has been instructed to admit filtering cloth for beet-sugar machinery free of duty.

George White made a balloon ascension at New York and in descending fell into the Hudson river and was drowned.

The new Chilean government has sent officials to Europe to bring over the two war ships just bought by Balcanada before his downfall.

A boiler at the planing-mill of the Souther South Lumber Company, near Lewisville, Ark., exploded, killing the fireman and injuring twelve men.

The democrats of New York have nominated Roswell P. Flower for governor. The republican nominee for the same office is J. Slat Fasset.

The state department has received dispatches announcing more riots in China, and stating that the American mission at Yehang had been destroyed.

Jacob H. Schaefer and his daughter, while attempting to cross in front of an approaching train at Cleveland were struck by the locomotive and killed.

Five more emigrants have escaped from the detention pen at the New York barge office. How they got away is a mystery. There is little prospect of recapture.

Siam has decided to make an exhibit at Chicago, which will eclipse the one it made at the Paris exposition, where it carried off the honors in the oriental section.

The lady managers of the world's fair, by a vote of thirty-six to twenty-five declared in favor of adopting Phariess Shepard's motion to have the exposition closed on Sundays.

An unknown young woman threw herself over the rapids at Niagara Falls a few days ago, and a couple of hours later a young man threw himself over near the same place. Both were drowned.

At Dover, Oklahoma, during a Grand Army reunion, the white and colored comrades quarreled, and three colored men were fatally cut, and about twenty others, black and white, more or less injured.

It is reported 3000 persons were drowned in the recent great floods of Spain. Thousands are homeless, the floods extending over vast areas of country and destroying millions of dollars worth of property.

Sherman Cummins, a New York printer, who was thought to have been killed in the Park place fire, and whose wife thought she identified in one of the charred bodies, has turned up safe and sound at Halifax, where he went while on a spree.

Balmaceda, ex-president of Chili, has escaped, so report goes. He was in hiding at Valapraiso after the downfall of the city and was taken on board the United States flagship San Francisco by Admiral Brown disguised as a drunken United States sailor.

Fourteen more Jewish refugees from Russia have arrived in Chicago and tell heartrending tales of cruelty. Among them is Lieutenant Skomm, an officer in the Russian army, and the possessor of medals given him for bravery. Even he could not escape the edict of expulsion.

President J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern railway, has been on the coast looking after the interests of his company. He claims his company will soon have in operation a complete through transcontinental railway. As Hill has unlimited cash at his disposal, it is presumed he means what he says.

An impostor, calling himself "W. Steasy, of 19 Rue Louis-le-Grand, Paris," has been engaged in selling, in Europe, agencies for the Chicago exposition. He sold the agencies for Norway and Sweden to a Stockholm man for \$2000. The exposition authorities have taken steps to put a stop to his operations. No one is authorized to sell agencies for the exposition.

## COAST NOTES.

East Portland has a Chinaman who takes delight in kissing young girls.

The new bank at Junction City will be ready for business next month.

The Northern Pacific and Pacific express companies have dissolved partnership.

The railroad time between Portland and San Francisco has been shortened up six and a half hours.

Portland has contributed some \$3000 and sent it to The Dalles for the relief of those burned out recently at that place.

Apples along the Applegate river are bigger and freer from worms this year than ever before, and they are also more plentiful.

A Chinese woman has commenced suit for a divorce from a Chinaman to whom she was married in Portland in 1883.

The working days at the Union Pacific railway shops, Albina, have been reduced to eight hours, with a proportionate reduction in pay.

A freight ran into a passenger train near Tehachapi on the Southern Pacific in California, killing one passenger and injuring several others.

It is claimed since January 1, 1891, of the 7900 Chinamen landed at Vancouver, B. C., at least 7000 have stolen across the line into the United States.

Marion Harris, of Oakland, Or., who was crushed in a horse-power on the 1st inst., making amputation of the leg necessary, has since died from the effects.

The fortieth anniversary of the institution of the Masonic grand lodge of Oregon was celebrated by Portland Masons on September 14th with appropriate ceremonies.

A fire at the S. P. carshops, in the southern part of East Portland, September 16th totally destroyed the repair building, causing a loss to the company of about \$40,000.

The corner stone of the new Masonic temple has been laid at Hillsboro with imposing ceremonies. The royal craft is doing considerable building throughout the jurisdiction this year.

The quarterly saloon licenses of Portland have just been paid in. There are 424 saloons, one saloon to every 185 of the city's population. They pay a total yearly revenue to the city in licenses of \$165,700.

Judge Beatty, of the United States circuit court of California, has rendered a decision that no Chinese subject could land in this country unless he had a certificate from his government to the effect that he was or had been a merchant in good standing in the United States.

The British have taken possession of Sigri, on the island of Mitylene, near the Dardanelles. All Europe is shocked at the audacity of the British in taking possession of this place and fortifying it when not a British territory. It is looked upon by other nations as preparation for an early European war.

Mr. J. R. Crosby who resides on Upper Crooked river, Crook county, lost his barn and about twenty tons of hay by fire a few days ago. The fire was set by a little child who "wanted to see it burn." Mr. Crosby's loss is a severe one to him, as it would be to any poor man. A horse escaped from the barn after being somewhat scorched.

Mrs. Phoebe J. Colburn brought suit in the state circuit court against the Portland and Willamette Valley Railway Company for \$5000 damages for the death of her husband, Conductor Colburn, whose death resulted from a smash-up on a train some two years ago. The case was tried last week and the jury, after considering the testimony in the jury-room twelve hours, placed the damage at \$3500.

John S. Gray, a leading attorney of Boise City and an old pioneer, died suddenly September 12th. He came to Idaho in 1860, and has been prominent in public affairs ever since. He has been probate judge of Boise county, has served several terms in the legislature, was state senator last year, and was a member of the constitutional convention. Returning from court at Idaho City, a few days ago, he was about the city, but died in his office a few hours later.

Miss Bertha Ison, daughter of the late Judge L. B. Ison, of Baker City, Oregon, was shot and instantly killed with a pistol by Dr. C. E. Ballard in Chicago September 7th. Miss Ison was about nineteen years old and was very handsome and attractive. She had been engaged to marry young Dr. Ballard, but her mother had broken the engagement on account of his bad habits. He came to see her and while in the parlor alone with the girl he shot and killed her and then killed himself.

## FARM AND GARDEN.

### FRIENDLY ANTS.

Many persons view with suspicion a colony of ants going up and down a fruit tree, especially if it is infested with scale insects, and are in doubt whether to regard them as friends or foes. A correspondent of the Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post relates the following interesting facts bearing on the subject: Many of the leading orchard proprietors of northern Italy and southern Germany are cultivators of the common black ant, which insects they hold in high esteem as the fruit grower's best friend. They establish ant hills in their orchards, and leave the police service of their fruit trees entirely to their tiny colonists which pass all their time in climbing up the stems of the fruit trees, cleansing the boughs and leaves of malefactors, mated as well as embryotic, and descending laden with spoils to the ground, where they comfortably consume or prudently store away their booty.

They never meddle with sound fruit, but only invade such apples, pears and plums as have already been penetrated by the canker, which they remorselessly pursue to its fastness within the very heart of the fruit. Nowhere are apple and pear trees so free from blight and destructive insects as in the immediate neighborhood of a large ant hill five or six years old. Ants have been used in China for many years to protect orange trees and other fruit trees from the depredations of insects. Dr. C. T. MacGowan, in a communication to C. V. Riley, gives a curious account of the use of ants in the vicinity of Hong Kong.

In many parts of the province of Canton the orange trees are injured by certain worms and, to rid themselves of these pests, the inhabitants import ants from the neighboring hills. Two species of ants—the red and yellow, which build their nests suspended from the branches of trees—are collected and sold to the owners of orange trees. The trees are colonized by placing the ants on their upper branches; bamboo rods are stretched between the trees, so as to give the ants easy access to the whole orchard. This remedy, it is said, has been in constant use since 1640, and probably from a much earlier period.

PROFITABLE BREEDS.  
Mr. W. J. Salter, the former superintendent of the large Dunbarton poultry farm and now manager of the Hill poultry yards, tells that the white Wyandottes always ranked highest as layers at both places. The Fancier's Journal says its own experience has been very favorable with white Wyandottes as layers, but the silver lake have surpassed them in numbers and size of eggs laid. However, it is glory enough for America to have produced two such magnificent breeders as the Plymouth Rock and Wyandottes. Both are bread winners. The value of these two breeds does not consist alone in the number of eggs they lay during the winter, but in the fact that the dressed carcasses are exceedingly fine and heavy. The cost to produce six or seven pound roosters is no more than the cost to produce three or four pounds chickens of the Spanish breeds. The light Brahma judiciously handled is another very profitable fowl. Mr. Rankin considers it the most profitable of all for market poultry.

HEN'S NESTS.  
It is supposed that a damp nest is better than a dry one. This belief is not correct. In the summer a hen prefers a cool nest. In the winter her nest should be warm. If the hens prefer nests on the ground, that are covered with brush, it is not because they seek damp locations, or prefer such, but because such secluded places are cooler and more comfortable. A close poultry-house in the summer season, if the roof is low, will often reach a temperature almost unbearable during the middle of the day, and the nests are avoided by the hens for that reason. In the winter it may be noticed that the hens prefer the poultry-house, and seldom seek nests outside.

NOTES.  
Don't try giving a horse emetic, you will be fooled.  
Cattle, like human beings, are liable to the dread disease consumption.

In storing fruits or vegetables in a cellar be sure that the cellar is as pure and clean as possible.

High priced oats should always be mixed with bran or shorts to accomplish good results with less money.

Sow your rye this month and you will have an excellent pasture for your milk cows until snow covers it.

Screen your wheat at home and feed the screenings to poultry and stock, instead of giving it to the elevator companies.

## WIT AND HUMOR.

Kind words never die; unkind words don't die either.—Somerville Journal.  
A billiardist uses chalk on his cue. A fine lady uses it on her cuticle.—New Orleans Picayune.

She—"You were at college, were you not?" He—"Yes." She—"A B?" He—"No, G. B."—Harvard Lampoon.

There are three things that beat a drum for noise—one is a small boy and the other two are drumsticks.—Elmira Gazette.

A good many of our so-called "swells" young men have nothing about them to merit that title but their heads.—St. Joseph News.

Help a man out of a hole once and he may forget you when he is out, but he will not fail to call on you the next time he falls in.—Atchison Globe.

Victim—"Doctor, I'm troubled with cold feet. What do you suppose causes them?" Doctor—"Cold weather. One dollar, please!"—Buffalo Express.

Tenor—"Miss Soprano, who sang in church this morning, has a very clear voice. Is it natural?" Bass—"No, 'tis a choir!"—Harvard Lampoon.

"I thought you told me your father was a retired merchant?" "So he is. When the Sheriff took possession he had to retire!"—Indianapolis Journal.

De Mascus—"Is it true that Jolly is off on a blow out?" St. Agedore—"Partly true, yes. He's dead." "How?" "Blew out the gas."—St. Joseph News.

Tom—"Come what may, I shall never marry a woman who isn't my superior intellectually." Jack—"I wish I could get a wife as easy as you can."—Yankee Blade.

First Yale Man—"Harvard has just secured a fossil ten thousand years old." Second Yale Man—"Which professorship has it been appointed to?"—Brooklyn Life.

Cochran—"I suppose your name on this umbrella indicates that it belongs to you?" Gilroy—"Which, the name or the umbrella?" Cochran—"The name, of course."—Puck.

Miss Angry New—"Miss Olden told me that she was afraid of the dark." Miss Vera Cutting—"That's strange. I should think she would be more afraid of the light."—Puck.

Tommy—"Papa, why do they call very rich men millionaires?" Papa—"That refers to the number of poor relatives who rise up to contest their wills!"—N. Y. Herald.

There is only one sudden death among women to every eight among men. But then it's only a minority of women who use the telephone constantly.—St. Joseph News.

A flying-machine is being exhibited in Chicago. Up to date there has been no sort of use in keeping the "it" standing at the beginning of its name.—Shoes and Leather Reporter.

In Darkest New York: "Why do they always take a prisoner's money from him before locking him in a cell at the police station?" "So as to prevent him buying his way out."—P. S.

"What became of that Samuels girl that Pottery was flirting with last summer?" "You mean the girl that Pottery thought he was flirting with. She married him."—Indianapolis Journal.

"How pleasant that lady looks! She seems perfectly happy." "Yes; she must either have found pure religion in her own heart or the seeds of sin in the heart of one of her neighbors."—Boston Transcript.

"Why, you poor malarial mortal, you! I thought you told me your average health was good?" "So I did. I run to chills one day and fever the next. The average is normal."—Munsey's Weekly.

The groundhog is the most knowing weather prophet of the entire crowd. He has sense enough to crawl into his hole when he predicts an installment of bad weather. The others haven't!—Norristown Herald.

A wealthy man was asked not long ago to subscribe to a worthy charity. "I should like to contribute," said he, "but I have \$800,000 in the bank not earning a cent, and I really can't afford it."—Boston Traveller.

Young Housekeeper (to butcher): "You may send a nice piece of roast beef." Butcher—"Yes, ma'am." Young Housekeeper—"And have it very rare, please; my husband prefers it that way."—Harper's Bazar.

Farmer Peastraw—"Well, son, what did you learn at college?" Son—"I learned to fence, for one thing." Farmer Peastraw—"That's good; I'll get some nails tomorrow, and we'll have a bout."—Munsey's Weekly.

"Is your nephew a practicing physician, Mrs. McGulley?" asked her visiting neighbor. "Yes, I believe he is practicing just at present, but he has as good a show for learning as the most of them."